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**LOUIE PADULA**, right, and son, Jerry, in top photo, left, look over samples of their Golden Eagle olive oil, manufactured at the Golden Eagle plant on Grevilla avenue. In the series of photos below, oil olives are shoveled from bulk truck onto endless belt that carries them into plant; "bull wheels" pulverize the olives after they have gone through a crusher; workmen take pulp from container surrounding bull wheel and pulp is poured into coco-matting bags, which are placed in press to squeeze out olive oil. Top, above, the finished products, in cans and jars, after the oil has been allowed to remain in several settling tanks and has been filtered several times. Basic crushing process has remained unchanged for a thousand years, according to Mr. Padula, only modern improvements being better methods of separation and the addition of electricity as a motive power.

(Farm Tribune photos)

## Golden Eagle Olive Oil Plant Provides Industry That Ties In With Agricultural Economy Of Area

By Bill Rodgers

An excellent example of an industry that complements the agricultural economy of the community is the Golden Eagle olive oil plant that is operated by the Louis Padula family on Grevilla avenue, east of Porterville; for this plant takes an agricultural product — olives — and converts it into a manufactured product — olive oil — for distribution to markets throughout the United States.

And in so doing, the Golden Eagle operation provides an outlet for olives; it brings a plant payroll for the production period of November through March, plus a payroll for pickers that work in groves to supply olives for the plant.

Market for Golden Eagle olive oil is reached primarily through wholesalers and brokers; the oil is sold throughout the United States, some of it under the Golden Eagle label, some of it under the label of processing and marketing firms.

While many European brands of olive oil are pushed on the American domestic market, Louie Padula, owner of the Golden Eagle plant, believes that Golden Eagle oil is superior to the European product.

"Our methods of manufacturing are far ahead of European methods in regard to cleanliness and sanitation," Mr. Padula points out. "Our product is pure, natural oil; we believe that our oil has a rich-

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### Cousin Herb At Green Mill

Cousin Herb, television and radio entertainer, will bring his Trading Post gang to the Porterville Green Mill Friday evening to play a western dance that is being given as a Barn Theater Guild benefit. Program starts at 9:00 p.m.

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## TULE RIVER CONSERVATION DISTRICT ELECTION MONDAY; SEVEN FILE FOR DIRECTORS

Whether or not the proposed Tule River Soil Conservation district is formed will be decided next Monday by official vote within the proposed district, with two consolidated polls set up: Voters from Dennison, Springville and Globe precincts will vote at the old Globe church; voters in the Citrus South Tule area will vote at the Citrus South Tule school.

Seven candidates have filed for five director positions, with directors to take office if the district is voted in. Candidates are: William (Bill) Dye, Ralph Gill, Ralph O. Hill, R. R. Killian, Walter (Pat) McNabb, Wallace Witt and Walter Witt.

Resident landowners, it is stated, may vote; polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Area of the proposed district is the Tule river water shed, including public and private lands, extending from sources of the forks of the Tule down to the Worth district.

Proponents of the district state that maximum district tax rate is two cents per \$100 of assessed valuation on land alone, not including improvements or mineral rights. In the proposed district,

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### TRICK RIDER SIGNED FOR SHOW

Vern Goodrich, trick rider and roper who has appeared for 12 consecutive years in the Madison Square Garden rodeo, has been booked as an arena feature for the Springville rodeo, April 17. Official approval of the Springville show by the Rodeo Cowboy association was also received this week.

### Joe Faure Is State Speaking Contest Winner

Joe Faure, of Porterville, won a state public speaking contest at a Rural Farm Youth Leadership conference sponsored by the California Farm Bureau Federation at Asilomar over the past weekend.



Joe Faure Jr.

He will represent the state of California in a national contest that will be held in Chicago during the National Farm Bureau convention.

Mr. Faure won out over 150 contestants; his subject was: "Advertising, The Key To Expanding Markets."

All contestants were prepared on the general subject of expanding

### FUSSIN' AND FEUDIN' SEEMS TO BE LIKELY

Porterville chamber of commerce members are now planning to travel "en masse" to the Woodville chamber of commerce banquet the evening of March 12, where it is likely a few stragglers from the hamlet of Tulare will also be on hand to continue the fussin' and feudin' of past years.

Woodville Chamber President Dave Chamberlain states that the banquet will be prepared by women of the Woodville Civic club; serving will be handled by members of the chamber; the dinner will be held at the elementary school, with a dance to follow at the Woodville community building.

### CROP INSURANCE

March 31 is the deadline for purchase of cotton crop insurance that is now being offered in Tulare county. Local agent is Bob Steventon of B-J Farm service; Sid Lindstrom is field representative.

### ALL-BREEDS BRED GILT SALE MARCH 5

An all-breeds, bred gilt sale has been scheduled for March 5 at the Fresno district fair grounds, March 5, beginning at 1:30 p.m., under direction of the California Pork Producers' association.

Emphasis will be placed on stock for new breeders, for 4-H and Future Farmer projects and for replacement animals in estab-

lished herds. Entries will come from leading swine breeders throughout California.

Auctioneer will be Howard Brown of Woodland; mail bids are being handled in Tulare county by Bud Jackson, manager of the California Farm Bureau Marketing association, in Visalia.

# The Farm Tribune

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## TAKE CARE OF WHAT WE HAVE

We are constantly being reminded of the importance of developing industry in Tulare county as a supplement to agriculture, but talk usually centers around how to get new industry; seldom do we hear anyone suggest that we give attention to the industry that we already have.

One case in point is the Golden Eagle olive oil plant, operated by the Louis Padula family, just east of Porterville. Since 1937 this enterprise has been contributing to the payroll of the community, paying taxes, investing money and carrying the name of Porterville, through the medium of labels, throughout the nation.

Yet it is difficult to find a bottle or can of Golden Eagle olive oil on a grocery shelf in Porterville.

Of course, if all the olive oil demand in the Porterville area was supplied by Golden Eagle, this consumption would not influence, to any great extent, the business operation of the firm, for its production is geared to a national market.

But if local grocery stores featured Golden Eagle Oil, and local

people made it a special point to buy Golden Eagle oil, it would be a fine, cooperative gesture, and if people of a community support a product, the word eventually spreads, and the product is thereby benefitted, which tends to build a strong, going industry which, in turn, brings general benefit to the community.

And the same line of thinking applies to any other local industry, and, in Tulare county, this thinking is even more logical when a specific industry is actually based on an agricultural activity.

So we would like to urge that chambers of commerce and other civic groups pay a little more attention to industry that the county, and various areas of the county, already has.

Promotion of industry must be a two-fold deal — the seeking of new industry that logically fits into the local economy; the supporting of industry that is already established and operating.

## SCHOOL BOND PLAN IS MADE

Total amount of Porterville high school bonds to be asked for in an April 26 election will be \$1,794,000, the same as asked in the February election that failed to carry. Two ballot propositions are planned, however. One proposition for approximately \$1,194,000 to cover "immediate needs"; the other for a total of \$1,794,000, which will include \$600,000 for a new high school campus, thereby giving voters a choice.

## No Butter Support Purchases For Month

For the first time since December, 1952, no butter price-support purchases were made for the period of a month — the period of December, 1954. During the last three months of 1954, dairy support purchases were the smallest in a two-year period, while sales and dispositions ran at a heavy rate.

Farm Tribune Ads Get Results.



AUBREY M. LUMLEY JR., who was this week elected chairman of the reorganized Industrial Development committee of the Porterville chamber of commerce. Other committee members are: Frank W. Sheldon, Dave Boyd, Dave Chamberlain, Ralph Baker, G. E. Gourley, Harry J. Johnson and Jim Bakotich.

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BEAUTIFUL TROPICAL fish are featured at the shop, with several aquariums containing Sword Tails, Guppies, Angel Fish, Siamese Fighting fish, Goldfish, and others. A complete line of aquariums and supplies are stocked by Mr. Jacobs, including tank pumps, filters, containers, coral pieces, sea-scene decals and other items for aquarium decorations. And if you own an aquarium that is not working just right, the Porterville Pet Shop offers a complete and expert repair service.

IN ADDITION to fish, large cages are filled with birds — Canaries, Finches, Cockatiels, a parrot that speaks Spanish, and a Japanese Tumbling Bird that pulls a little basket of seeds up into its cage at meal time and does fancy gymnastics between meals.

THERE'S ALWAYS a supply of puppies on hand, plus hamsters, monkeys and a skunk (descended, we hasten to add.)

AS FOR food for pets, Mr. Jacobs has the best: Various types of prepared dog foods; fish foods, including such fancy items as dried tropical flies, frozen brine shrimp and dried shrimp; seeds and special items for birds, plus government inspected horse meat, both fresh and frozen.

AND THERE are many special items for pets: Leashes, collars and rubber toys for dogs; bird cages; books and leaflets on handling and care of pets; various types of feeders for all types of pets; complete aquariums — in fact just about everything to make you and your pet happy.

AS A special, free service, Mr. Jacobs is maintaining a stud list for dog owners — just drop in and list your dog, or inquire about pure-bred dogs that are available at stud. There is no obligation for this information service.

AS FOR Mr. Jacobs himself, he's a former cowboy, having worked on cattle ranches in California and Nevada, following his graduation in 1948 from Porterville high school. After serving his hitch in the army, he started looking for a business of his own, always enjoying tropical fish as a hobby, he ended up in the pet shop field.

HE EXTENDS an invitation to drop in and look around (bring the children when you do; they'll enjoy it.) The shop is open on weekdays from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. and from 2:00 until 6:00 p.m. The shop is open Sunday afternoons from 1:00 p.m. until 5:30 p.m.

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## News Of The SPRINGVILLE COMMUNITY

By WINNIE GAGE

Mrs. Gertrude Gordon Oldham, 80-year-old, retired school teacher of Springville, is in excellent health and possesses sufficient pep to embark upon a journey to the Holy Land, which she plans to do Friday morning, Feb. 25, at 11:30 a.m.

Mrs. Oldham will be accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Powell of Springville. At Los Angeles, the three travelers will take a non-stop bus to New York, where they expect to change to reserved seats on the sight-seeing bus, the first of March. At noon on the 3rd of March, Mrs. Oldham and the Powells will embark upon the Italian liner, "Andrea Doria." The next stop will be at Naples, Italy, from there to Rome, and possibly other Italian places of note, from which the group will proceed, by air, to Israel, where they plan to remain 36 days; at Athens, Pompeii, and other historical sites, the party hopes to spend some time.

Their travel schedule will lead them back to New York some time during the first part of May. On the homeward lap of the journey Mrs. Oldham and her travel companions will visit in Suches, Georgia, Neosho, Mo., Tulsa and Oklahoma City, Okla., Pueblo, and perhaps Ft. Collins, Colorado; Aztec, New Mexico; Pomona, California, and back to Springville.

Mrs. Oldham was presented with a lovely, leather-bound diary, by

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By John



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Pansies, petunias, ice plant, ivy geranium, dwarf hedge, tall hedge, and Esther Reed daisies are just a few of the many things available for improving your garden — garden gloves for improving your hands and garden books for improving your mind are also in stock.

Spring flowering plants are starting to bloom and shouldn't be overlooked in spring planting. Bridal wreath, Forsythia, Flowering Almond, Peach, Cherry, Quince, and Lilac are a few and you're most welcome to come and look. No charge for looking or smelling.

two of her intimate friends, in which she will register details of her trip, which promises to be very interesting. She is taking, also, a slide camera.

If plans work as expected, Mrs. Oldham states, a party of 12 persons will join her and the Powells in New York, and all are anxious to make the longest stop of their journey in rehabilitated Palestine, and study its present status since it became Israel.

Mrs. Oldham, who attended, and who also taught in many California schools, has a well-written article on "Little Red School Houses", in the December, 1954, issue of the Los Tulares, quarterly bulletin of the Tulare County Historical Society.

Sunday afternoon, in Mrs. Oldham's attractive home in Springville, open house was declared from 2:00 to approximately 5:00 o'clock. During this time, friends of this veteran school teacher

streamed in, and over their cakes and tea, enjoyed visiting in reminiscent strain, and wishing their good friend God speed upon her well-deserved journey to the vacation land of her dreams. Sylvia Wyld read Mrs. Oldham's published story on "Little Red School Houses", to the assembled guests, paid tribute to this teacher's long term of public service within the four walls of learning, and tendered her a final salute in honor of her good works, not only as a teacher but as a true friend and neighbor.

Wilt Gill and Sons consigned a 235 lb. calf selling at \$27.50 to Sam Devine at the Farm Bureau auction in Visalia last week. Ward Hodges received \$29.25 per cwt. for two calves weighing 217 lbs. at Visalia's Farm Bureau auction last week, two calves weighing 235 lbs. sold for \$27.00 to Fresno Meat Co., and one 135 lb. calf sold for \$27.00.

A miscellaneous shower will be held in the Memorial building on Friday evening, March 4, at 7:00 p.m., in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Allen. Mrs. Allen was formerly

Chere Fink, and was raised in Springville.

Their home and all the contents were destroyed by fire recently. They are newly-weds and are in need of everything. The public is invited.

The Springville Hobby Club met on Friday in the home of Mrs. Ethel Rush on River Drive.

Pot luck dinner was served at 1:00 o'clock to Mesdames Ruth Shoup, Ann Baird, Lora Gage, Winnie Gage, Mittie Stillian, Olena Grinnell, Lucile Herbert, Emma McCutcheon, Margaret Alexandria, Myrtle McIntyre, Gwendolyn Myrick, Patsy Fine, Nona Smaulridge, also Misses Alice Smith and Lucile Herbert. Guests were Mrs. Brittian, Mrs. Parrish of Porterville and Mrs. Edith Daniels of Woodlake, Mrs. Carl Myrick of Lindsay.

After roll call, which was answered by Valentine verses, Valentine gifts were exchanged and a short business meeting was held and it was decided to finish the quilt and sell it. Mrs. Patsy Fine gave instructions on liquid embroidery.

The next meeting will be held on

## 13 LIONS ARE TAKEN BY STATE TRAPPER

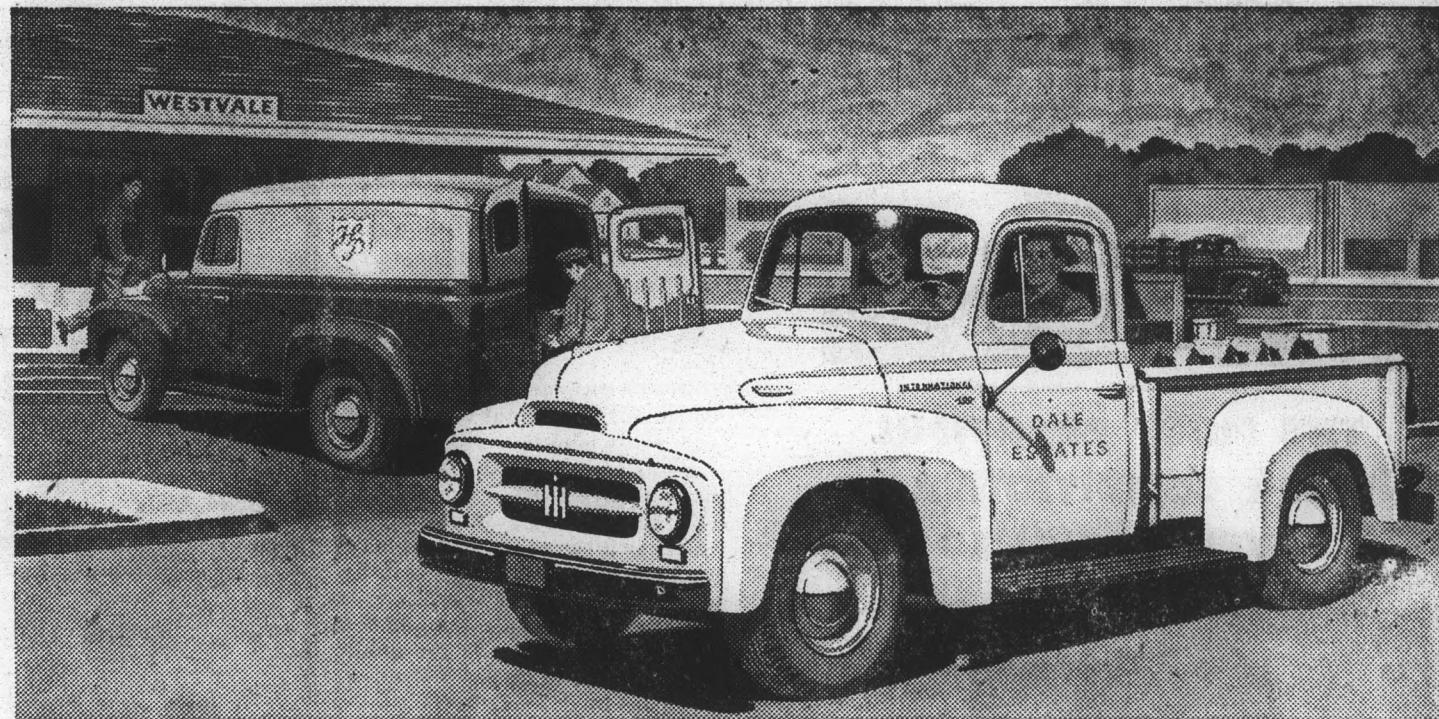
Thirteen mountain lions were taken by State Trapper Lester Reed last year between January 1 and November 4, with 11 lions taken in the Kern river country, two on the San Joaquin river.

In addition, Mr. Reed took 67 coyotes and 16 bobcats. At present, the trapper is working on Kings river, but expects to be back in the Kern river country early in April.

## FARM BUREAU LEGISLATIVE MEETING

Tulare County Farm Bureau members met yesterday in Visalia to discuss legislation relating to education, welfare, health insurance, taxes, highways, natural resources, livestock and marketing and field crops and fruit. Attending were State Senator J. Howard Williams and Assemblyman Roscoe Patterson.

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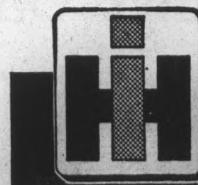
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Persons visiting the new business can secure a free subscription to publications dealing with mineral information.

Total supply of dairy products in 1955 is expected to be the largest on record.

## We Only Heard By BILL RODGERS

WE ARE considerably less than enthusiastic about a proposed "little community chest" type of organization that would lump together the "character-building" youth groups of the community for the sake of a single, consolidated and concentrated annual fund-raising campaign to finance said youth groups.

WHILE THIS "one for all, all for one" type of fund raising has several theoretical advantages over the plan whereby each organization goes out on its own and raises its money as it is able, the failure of the community chest in Porterville a few years back tends to prove that a united action plan also has its defects — and serious ones, too.

THE OLD Community Chest failed in Porterville, and, we understand, in other cities, because the organizations within the chest continued to raise their budgets each year, until the total reached an amount that the public refused to give. There were other contributing factors — the Chest, in its later years, could not fill the bill as providing a "single drive for all funds;" too many new public subscription organizations were coming into the field outside the jurisdiction of the community chest and, in Porterville, a feel-

ing was prevalent that administrative costs for the Boy Scouts were too high, consequently, this feeling, regardless of whether it was right or wrong, weakened the entire Community Chest. Generally, Community Chest money was "easy money" during the war years; after the war, organizations did not readjust to more normal times, but continued to expect the "easy money" after it no longer existed.

WE FEEL that the basic weaknesses that killed the Community Chest are inherent in the proposed new consolidation of youth groups. That is one reason we are not in favor of the consolidation.

YOUTH GROUPS, we also believe, must take a new look at their philosophy of financing, if you care to call it that. We cannot bring ourselves to believe that it is a primary duty of the "business man on Main street" to keep all youth groups alive, yet this seems to be the idea that some of these groups have.

WE DO believe that it is a primary duty of parents to keep youth groups active, if parents want their children to belong to one or more groups.

CONSEQUENTLY, WE believe that parents should accept the financial responsibility for operation of the youth organization to which their children belong.

WE WILL not personally solicit public funds to keep a program going for children whose parents are as able to pay the bill as we, or as are the people we would have to ask for money. Nor do we expect anyone to beat the sidewalk asking for donations to keep our own children in any youth program.

IF THERE are children in the community who want to join a certain youth organization, but whose parents actually cannot afford the cost, then we believe it is up to that particular organization to go as far as it can in carrying this additional load. When the load becomes impossible to bear, then we believe that organization leaders can legitimately go to the public and say, "Look here. We're taking care of our own kids, plus a few more. But there are other youngsters who should be in this program — who want to be in it, but who really can't afford it. Will you help these children?" And we know that under this type of situation, the public will help — gladly.

BASICALLY, WE believe that time spent in organizing drives could be spent to far greater advantages convincing parents that they have a financial responsibility for the organizations to which their sons and daughters belong.

BASICALLY, WE believe that a more healthy and active organization develops, if that organization operates on its own; if parents and

## FARMER'S SHARE OF CONSUMER DOLLAR LOWER

Prices farmers received for food products averaged five percent lower in 1954 than in 1953. As a result, the farmer's share of the dollar consumers spent for farm foods amounted to only 43 cents, as compared with 45 cents in 1953.

The farmer's share was smaller in 1954 for dairy products and poultry and eggs, but higher for fats and oils. The other four major commodity groups averaged the same as in the preceding year. Since World War II, the annual average farmer's share of the consumer's food dollar has varied between 43 and 52 cents, as compared with the pre-war average of 40 cents.

John B. Ellena, of Etiwanda, president of the Ellena Brothers winery, has been elected chairman of the board of directors of the Wine Institute.

youngsters together work out the problems of the group.

AND WE are convinced that more good will be done with less money, and that money will be spent more wisely if members of youth groups, their parents, and their leaders, raise their own funds rather than to depend on a "grab bag" type of financing.

(to be continued next week)

## Tulare County Is Third In Wine Production For 1954

Tulare county, with 10,646,000 gallons, ranked third among California wine-producing counties during 1954. Of the total amount, 8,694,000 gallons was dessert wine and 1,952,000 gallons, table wine. Total county production was down 1.94 per cent from 1953.

Grape crush was 94,871 tons, up 2.98 per cent from the previous year. Fresno county topped the state with a wine production of 34,100,000 gallons; San Joaquin county was second with 22,316,000 gallons.

South San Joaquin Valley representatives in the Wine Institute are A. Perelli-Minetto & Sons, of Delano and George Zaninovich, Inc., of Orange Cove.

## For FARM LOANS

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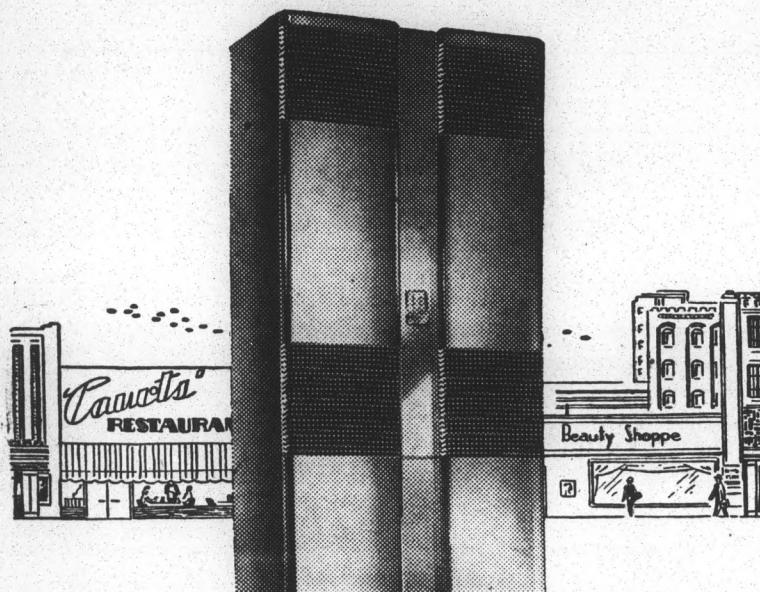
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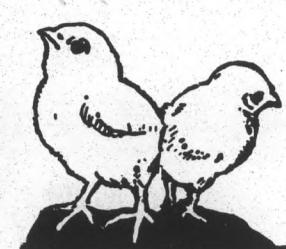
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# THE OLD DAYS

## History Porterville Chamber Of Commerce

(Continued from Last Week)

The records of the board of directors are missing for the years from 1922 to 1927 inclusive; some facts have been filled in, e.g. Mr. Waldo Burford, president of the board in 1922, recalls that the chamber assisted in getting Poplar's rural telephone line established; and that a Farmers' Free Market was tried in Porterville in the years while H. L. Morrison was secretary-manager. Allen Basye, president in 1923, told of the chamber's part in regard to the establishing of Balch park and of Tule river or Bartlet park, that year; Frank Gehring was secretary during part of the missing years. John Dillon was secretary in 1923 and part of 1924 when Ruby Ferguson worked in the office.

These are some of the topics of discussion, in the records from 1928 on: 1928, Street electroliners for Porterville; 1934, the control on the Camp Nelson road; 1935, the Central Valley Water project; 1935, Indian lands; 1936, Henry Vance, Indian agent at Tule River reservation, spoke at a meeting; 1936, Main street extension to Sunnyside avenue; 1937, Traffic Safety council composed of representatives from various organizations in the city; 1937, Civilian Conservation corps camps on the Tule and Deer Creek; 1938, the Community Chest. At meetings, open to the public, there were frequently speakers on topics of current interest.

The committees set up in the chamber of commerce are also indications of the work anticipated for the period. In 1936, an objective stated was the study of the district's resources; it was hoped that the membership would increase to 350 and that a working capital of \$6,000 could be accumulated. The committees appointed were: agriculture, roads and resorts, membership, forest, civic, irrigation, public relations, public utilities, transportation, industrial, ways and means, merchants. In 1938 there were added: reception, and Tulare County Fair committees; and in 1942, airport, edu-

## EXPERIMENT AT RALPH TERRY RANCH TO DETERMINE MOST PROFITABLE NUMBER OF PEACH TREES TO PLANT PER ACRE

By John H. Foott, Farm Advisor

How many peach trees to the acre will produce the most fruit? The answer to this question is the goal of a 428-tree experiment being laid out at the Ralph Terry farm near Strathmore by the Tulare County Agricultural Extension service and the University of California.

Mr. Terry has his cling peach trees planted 173 to the acre at 17-foot spacings in a hexagonal or triangle planting. A square planting with the trees 20 or 22 feet

apart is considered normal, which gives 109 and 90 trees to the acre. He would like to learn the most economical planting distance and arrangement of trees by the time he is ready to replant his present orchards.

The main experimental block of 308 trees has been planted on the square or rectangular with the distance between rows either 20, 22, or 24 feet. The trees are spaced in the rows at 14, 16, 18, and 20 feet apart. Twelve different planting distance combinations are possible with the number of trees per acre varying from 91 to 155. An additional 120 trees were planted on the hexagonal with half of the trees 17 feet apart and half 15 feet, giving 173 and 224 trees per acre respectively.

Trees in the rectangular planting will be trained in more or less hedge rows with the rows running north and south. This is a long term project involving individual tree records throughout the life of the orchard.

Mr. Terry is giving the land and trees, as well as caring for

## Spray Thinning For Deciduous Fruits

Two meetings to discuss various aspects of chemical thinning of deciduous fruits will be held tomorrow, Friday, in the county, one at the Surabian and Sons Packing house in Dinuba at 9:30 a.m., the other at the Mayflower Packing house in Exeter, at 1:30 p.m. Farm Advisor John H. Foott will be in charge.

them for this experiment.

Dr. Richard Harris of the Pomology department of the University of California is working with Mr. Terry on this experiment.



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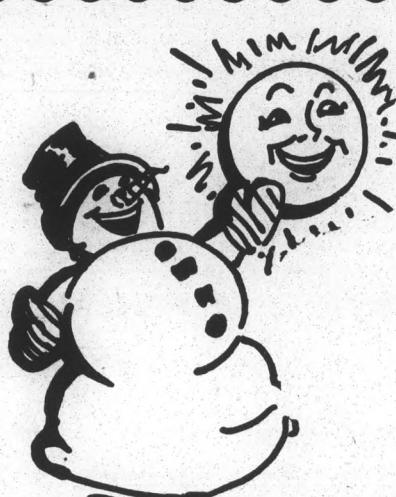
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Architect Drawing Of Remodelled and Enlarged Porterville City Hospital

## PRELIMINARY PLANS ARE APPROVED BY STATE AGENCIES FOR \$200,000 EXPANSION PLAN AT PORTERVILLE HOSPITAL

Preliminary plans for a \$200,000 building and facilities expansion program at the Porterville City hospital have been approved by the California Department of Public Health and by the State Fire Marshal, it was announced this week by Dick Schuler and Bob

Stevenson, owners of the hospital.

At present, the architectural firm of Hicks & Sturr, Bakersfield, is completing work drawings for the project.

The expansion program would include a new west wing addition to the present hospital building to house surgical and obstetrical facilities, and accessories. A south wing would house a new reception room, administrative office, private office, and new private and semi-private rooms.

Existing structure would be remodelled to provide a doctors' lounge and locker room, a registered nurses' lounge and locker room, a nurses' station and a new

nursery.

Completion of the work, which would require about one and one-half years, would provide a 28-bed capacity, with floor space expanded by 5,000 square feet.

Mr. Schuler and Mr. Stevenson state that present plan is the first phase of an expansion program that would expand the hospital to a capacity of 42 beds.

Since acquiring the hospital in September of last year, Mr. Schuler and Mr. Stevenson have conferred with hospital consultants, and the hospital staff that includes Porterville's 16 doctors, relative to meeting the needs of doctors, and for hospital facilities brought about by growth of the community.

## A.A.U. GAMES NEXT WEEK IN PORTERVILLE GYM

South-Central San Joaquin valley National A.A.U. basketball elimination tournament opens next Thursday in Porterville, with top amateur teams of the valley competing.

Winners of the tournament will be eligible to play in the A.A.U. tournament in San Francisco, with a national champion to be eventually determined after a series of eliminations throughout the country.

Games will be played next Thursday night in the girls' and boys' gymnasiums at Porterville high school. On the following Friday and Saturday nights the tournament will be continued, with final playoff on Saturday night, March 5.

The tournament is sponsored by officials of the Porterville city basketball league.

### Lemon Price Off

With sale of Sunkist lemons reported slightly above 200 cars, price was off 20 cents to a level of \$5.40 per box, f.o.b., for the week ending February 19. Demand was best for medium to large sizes.

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### DOVE SETS SPEED RECORD

A banded dove, shot September 1 near Big Pine by John DeBoef, of Oxnard, was found to have been marked only three days before and released near Adrian, in eastern Oregon.

According to the record, this dove covered almost 500 miles in only three days, or an average of about 165 miles per day. Doves are generally considered to average about 22 miles per day in migratory flights.

### Directional Sign Ready By March 1

A Porterville directional sign, located just south of the junction of 65 highway with 99 highway, will be in place by March 1, it was reported this week by Allan Coates, manager of the Porterville chamber of commerce. The sign, expense for which is being underwritten by a group of Porterville business men, will be prominently seen as cars come off the overpass north of Bakersfield.

### STORAGE HELPS STRAWBERRY PLANTS

Strawberry plants of the Lassen variety, dug in February and stored at 28-30 degrees F until planted in August, produced as well the following spring as did plants set out in April, and quality of fruit from the stored plants was considerably better.

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**WANTED** — Used furniture and appliances. Farmer's Exchange, 1137 W. Olive Street. (Formerly Leslie's Red Barn.) f10-3

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**Joe Faure**

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ing and developing agricultural markets. Twenty minutes prior to speaking, contestants were given specific subjects, on which they spoke for five minutes.

At the weekend Youth conference, 240 young people attended from 34 counties. Tulare county had 22 representatives, topped only by Fresno county, with 32.

**TOMATO DAY ON DAVIS CAMPUS**

Tomato problems from seed to consumer will be discussed March 12 during "Tomato Day" on the Davis campus of the University of California. Tomato growers, processors and shippers are invited to attend.

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**LEGAL NOTICE****NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

No. 12723

In the Superior Court of the State of California, In and For the County of Tulare

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF THOMAS C. CONN, ALSO KNOWN AS T. C. CONN, DECEASED.**

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned administratrix of the estate of said deceased to the creditors of and all persons having claims against said deceased or against his estate, to file them with the necessary vouchers within six months after the first publication of this notice, in the office of the clerk of the above entitled court, at his office at the Hall of Justice in the City of Visalia, County of Tulare, State of California, or to file such claims, together with the necessary vouchers, within six months after the first publication of this notice with the said administratrix at the office of Burford, Hubler & Burford, 520 East Mill Street, in the City of Porterville, County of Tulare, State of California, which said last named office the undersigned selects as her place of business in all matters connected with the estate of said deceased.

BELLE MILLER, administratrix  
BURFORD, HUBLER & BURFORD  
Attorneys for administratrix  
Box 308, Porterville, California

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

No. 12734

In the Superior Court of the State of California, In and For the County of Tulare

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WALTER H. JONES, ALSO KNOWN AS W. H. JONES, DECEASED.**

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned Administrator of the Estate of said deceased to the creditors of and all persons having claims against said deceased or against his estate, to file them with the necessary vouchers within six months after the first publication of this notice, in the office of the clerk of the above entitled court, at his office at the Hall of Justice in the City of Visalia, County of Tulare, State of California, or to file such claims, together with the necessary vouchers, within six months after the first publication of this notice with the said Administrator at the office of Burford, Hubler & Burford, 520 E. Mill Street, in the City of Porterville, County of Tulare, State of California, which said last named office the undersigned selects as his place of business in all matters connected with the estate of said deceased.

W. M. JONES, Administrator of the Estate of said Deceased.  
BURFORD, HUBLER & BURFORD  
Attorneys for Administrator

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

No. 12744

In the Superior Court of the State of California, In and For the County of Tulare

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF GEORGE ALBERT SMITH, ALSO KNOWN AS GEORGE A. SMITH AND GEORGE SMITH, DECEASED.**

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned administrator of the estate of said deceased to the creditors of and all persons having claims against said deceased or against his estate, to file them with the necessary vouchers within six months after the first publication of this notice, in the office of the clerk of the above entitled court, at his office at the Hall of Justice in the City of Visalia, County of Tulare, State of California, or to file such claims, together with the necessary vouchers, within six months after the first publication of this notice with the said administrator at the office of Burford, Hubler & Burford, 520 East Mill Street, in the City of Porterville, County of Tulare, State of California, which said last named office the undersigned selects as his place of business in all matters connected with the estate of said deceased.

WILL C. ZEHMER,  
Administrator  
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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

No. 12722

In the Superior Court of the State of California, In and For the County of Tulare

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF FRANK E. ETTNER, DECEASED.**

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned, Clara L. Ettner, administratrix, of the estate of Frank E. Ettner, deceased, to the creditors of, and all persons having claims against said deceased, to file them with the necessary vouchers within six (6) months after first publication of this notice in the office of the clerk of the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the county of Tulare, in the city of Visalia, county of Tulare, state of California, or to exhibit said claims with the necessary vouchers within six (6) months to said administratrix at the office of Guy Knupp, Jr., located at 400 Second Street, in the city of Porterville, county of Tulare, state of California, which said last named office the undersigned selects as her place of business in all matters connected with the estate of Frank E. Ettner, deceased.

DATED: This 2nd day of February, 1955.  
CLARA L. ETTNER  
Administratrix

GUY KNUPP, JR.  
400 Second Street  
Porterville, California  
Telephone 1157

Attorney for Administratrix

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**LEGAL NOTICE****NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

No. 12723

In the Superior Court of the State of California, In and For the County of Tulare

**PORTERVILLE IRRIGATION DISTRICT STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1954**

Cash on hand and in bank — January 1, 1954.

CASH RECEIPTS

\$ 62,805.90

Assessments collected (including penalties and costs):

1951-52 ..... \$ 7.66

1952-53 ..... 201.53

1953-54 ..... 17,233.51

1954-55 ..... 32,035.68

\$49,478.38

Received for water deliveries ..... 20,035.22

Received from land owners for purchase of meters ..... 4,866.80

Received for materials and services ..... 1,190.76

Received for interest ..... 17.41

Total Receipts ..... 75,588.57

Total Cash Available ..... \$138,394.47

**CASH DISBURSEMENTS**

For property of the District:

Land ..... \$ 2,060.00

Office equipment ..... 80.77

Automotive equipment ..... 652.06

Field and shop equipment ..... 523.42

Other depreciable assets ..... 362.10

Construction in progress ..... 14,088.99

\$17,767.34

For purchase of water ..... 19,749.50

For payroll taxes withheld from employees' earnings ..... 155.00

For meters for land owners ..... 7,612.81

For materials charged to accounts receivable ..... 1,383.10

For current operation:

Salaries and wages — Assessor - collector ..... \$ 600.00

Operating personnel ..... 8,087.77

Clerical ..... 2,637.68

\$11,325.45

Directors' fees ..... 1,855.00

Engineering ..... 3,542.54

Legal and accounting ..... 4,381.81

Auto operation and maintenance ..... 760.62

Equipment operation and maintenance ..... 158.38

Facilities operation and maintenance ..... 562.17

Operating supplies ..... 167.25

Utilities ..... 116.52

Office and miscellaneous supplies and expense ..... 610.58

Telephone ..... 325.23

Advertising legal notices ..... 317.61

Balances Forward ..... \$24,123.16

Travel expense of officers and employees ..... \$24,123.16

Dues and subscriptions ..... 547.23

Insurance, bonds and assessments ..... 183.70

Crop and livestock census ..... 953.32

Miscellaneous ..... 404.37

121.25

26,333.03

Total Disbursements ..... 73,000.78

Cash on hand and in bank — December 31, 1954 ..... \$ 65,393.69

The above statement fairly presents the recorded cash receipts and disbursements of the Porterville Irrigation District for the year ended December 31, 1954.

WM. W. McCULLOUGH & CO.  
Public Accountants

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

No. 12745

In the Superior Court of the State of California, In and For the County of Tulare

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF GROVER CLEVELAND WALLS, ALSO KNOWN AS GROVER C. WALLS, AND ALSO KNOWN AS G. C. WALLS, DECEASED.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the undersigned, administratrix of the estate of Grover Cleveland Walls, also known as Grover C. Walls, and also known as G. C. Walls, deceased, to the creditors of, and all persons having claims against said deceased to file them with the necessary vouchers within six (6) months after first publication of this notice in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of Tulare, in the City of Visalia, County of Tulare, State of California, or to exhibit said claims with the necessary vouchers within six (6) months to said administratrix at the office of Guy Knupp, Jr., located at 400 Second Street, in the City of Porterville, County of Tulare, State of California, which said office the undersigned selects as her place of business in all matters connected with the estate of Grover Cleveland Walls, also known as Grover C. Walls, and also known as G. C. Walls, deceased.

DATED: February 15, 1955.

ALLINE WALLS  
Administratrix

GUY KNUPP, JR.  
Attorney for Administratrix

400 Second Street  
Porterville,

## Tule River

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total tax funds would run about \$150 per year, however, in other districts, rather than raise such a small amount, counties have appropriated sufficient money for incidental administrative expenses.

A soil conservation district, it is stated, is a local unit of state government, voluntarily organized under provision of the Division of Public Resources Code of the State of California.

Through efforts of the district board of directors, a comprehensive soil and water conservation program can be developed on both private and public lands, it is stated. On their own land, farmers pay actual costs of improvements specifically requested; the district would serve both as a channel for group efforts and as agent for any necessary agreement with state or federal agencies involving either technical or financial assistance.

Services that could be provided by a Soil Conservation district are listed as: Assistance on a wide range of resources conservation activities, such as watershed improvement, flood control, water conservation, soil and land capability surveys, range and pasture improvement, improvements on farm irrigation, land drainage, runoff control, construction of stock water ponds and reservoirs, gully control, channel alignment and bank protection work.

It is stated that technical assistance on this type of service is provided principally by arrangement with the U. S. Department of Agriculture Soil Conservation service, the agency that is specifically designated to assist soil conservation districts.

Conservation district directors can secure assistance of public agencies on any studies or investigations of problems in connection

with resource conservation and in the development and execution of any plans that appear feasible for community and district development.

Plans and engineering assistance on conservation projects are provided without charge through a conservation district, it is stated. Help on A.S.P.A.C. approval may be secured through district facilities in this connection.

Directors of the district will be landowners, elected for staggered terms of four years, with elections every two years. Directors, it is said, will, to the best of their ability, carry out requests and suggestions of farmers and ranchers within the district.

## Annual Meeting

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ing the Livestock Industry"; Allan Grant, regional director of the California Farm Bureau Federation, will talk on "Farm Bureau and the Marketing Association", after which there will be a panel discussion on association problems.

### Bulletin Available On Mechanization Of Cotton Farming

Results of studies on mechanization of cotton farming in California are now available at the office of the county farm advisor, post office building, Visalia. Information was obtained from studies by the University of California and the U. S. department of agriculture.

Subjects discussed include results with high and low bed planting, use of seed press wheel in planting, plant population studies, machine topping and defoliation, weed control by flaming, late cultivation, use of oils and chemicals, and experiments with various equipment designs.

## Golden Eagle

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er, more natural flavor than the European product.

"And, backing up these statements, is a survey conducted a few years ago by the Heinz company in which it was determined that the American buying public actually prefers American-made olive oil to the European brands."

Mr. Padula states, however, that the olive oil production business in America is in its infancy — only in the last 20 to 25 years has the American product been accepted as a superior-quality oil, while European oils have been on the American market for 100 years or more.

In the actual production process, olives come into the Golden Eagle plant in bulk loads; they are shovelled onto an endless belt, run through a shaker that takes out dirt and trash, and run into storage bins.

From these bins they go by flume into a washer, out of the washer into a crusher, then into the "bull wheels", where the fruit is crushed into a pulp by the heavy, rotating wheels.

The pulp goes from the bull wheels into coco-matting bags which are placed in a shaping, or preliminary press, then into the finishing press, where hydraulic action develops a pressure of 300 to 350 tons.

Oil, squeezed out by the press action, flows through lines into a sump pit; it is then pumped into a separator to remove water that had been in the olives; the oil is then "washed" and passed through a second separator to remove the washing water, before being placed in settling tanks for a period of four to five days.

Oil is then run through filters into another settling tank, where it remains for seven to 10 days, then it is filtered three or four times from tank to tank, after which oils from different varieties of olives are mixed. The entire movement from the time the oil leaves the presses is handled through closed lines.

Final storage is in 5,000 gallon tanks, from where the oil is taken for bulk shipment, or for placing in bottles or cans. Although some is processed for local, retail outlets, major part is sold wholesale for distribution nationally through jobbers.

At the present time from 30 to 40 olive oil plants are operating in California; the Golden Eagle plant is classed in the "larger plant group," with a 24-hour capacity of 50 tons of olives, from which 42-45 gallons of oil per ton are recovered. Manzanillo and Mission are the principal varieties used for Golden Eagle oil.

By-product of the oil operation is olive pumice, the material that remains after the oil has been pressed out. This pumice is sold to the Strathmore Fats and Oils plant, where additional oil for specialized uses is extracted.

The Golden Eagle plant is a family operation, with Jerry Padula, son of Louie, now operating the plant, and Jane, a daughter, as secretary. Louie Padula, who started the operation in Porterville in 1937, came to the community after operating a similar plant for two years in Lindsay. He has been in the olive oil business for nearly 40 years, starting back in 1907 in Los Angeles.

Golden Eagle oil is packaged in

## FINS FUR FEATHERS

By Phil The Forester

The end of February is the end of the coastal steelhead and salmon season with the latest reports from the steelhead fishing front being very poor indeed.

Salmon fishing in the ocean which is open now has been very good with the fish running somewhat larger than during the first few days of the opening.

Striped bass fishing has been rather slow with the best around Franks Tract and Potato Slough, although the fish are reported to be working slowly toward Tracy.

Rains definitely slowed down the warm water fishing success but that should improve in short order with the return of spring weather conditions. Just prior to the rain, we had received the following data and the same facts should repeat shortly with continued favorable weather.

Stanislaus county — Catfishing picked up materially along the San Joaquin and Stanislaus rivers.

Merced — Many limits of small catfish being taken from the San Joaquin river and catfishing has been fair in the various sloughs. Also good in the potholes of the Merced river.

Fresno — Warm water fishing fair on the west side with live bait or small lures. Millerton and Lost Lakes providing some nice one and two pound bass. Lots of fishermen on the San Joaquin below Herndon but results not so good. Dry Creek reservoir very good.

Kings — A few black bass and bluegill being taken from the Tule river and south fork of the Kings.

Tulare — Some bass and crappie being taken at Woodlake. Catfishing fair on the lower Kings.

Kern — Bass fishing poor in the lower Kern river.

Hunters are reminded that coot or mudhen hunting is legal now. A hunting license is required but a Federal duck stamp is not necessary. Contact the local warden who has a number of places where shooters will be welcome.

California's fish and game commission meets in San Francisco Friday to establish the new 1955

fishing and hunting regulations which will become effective on April 1.

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